

Norman's Fertilizer Ordinance Guide for Vendors

What do I have to do?

1. Make sure that you are following some best management practices (BMPs) for storage of phosphorus-containing fertilizers.
 - Don't store open containers of fertilizer on impervious surfaces like streets, parking lots, and sidewalks.
 - Sweep up fertilizer that is on streets, parking lots, and sidewalks back and dispose of it properly.
2. Clearly indicate the phosphate levels of any fertilizers that contain phosphate, see back.
3. Make sure that a copy of the flyer Keep Our Water's "P" Free is visible and available to customers. The flyer can be downloaded at: <https://bit.ly/3uPITXY>

To view the complete text of the City of Norman Manufactured Fertilizer Ordinance, visit: <https://bit.ly/3Hyp5vu>

Violating the ordinance may result in a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$750.00.

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Understanding the Numbers on Your Fertilizer

All fertilizer labels have three numbers displayed. These numbers represent the nutrients nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium.

Nitrogen (N)

Encourages above ground growth.

Phosphorus (P)

Encourages flower production and improves root health.

Most soils in Norman already have sufficient P levels for a healthy lawn.



Potassium (K)

Improves overall plant health.

This product contains
_____ % phosphate.

What's the problem?

Using too much fertilizer can cause excess growth of algae when carried by runoff into water bodies. This, in turn, can cause algae blooms which can degrade water quality, produce toxins and result in taste and odor problems in our drinking water.

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